

REMARKS

Claims 5, 8 and 18 are canceled herein. Claims 2-3, 6-7, 9-16 and 19-20 were previously canceled. Accordingly, upon entry of the amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1, 4, and 17 will be all of the claims pending in the application.

I. Allowed Claims

In paragraph 1, on page 2 of the Office Action claims 1, 4 and 17 are allowed.

II. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tojima et al for the reasons of record. Claim 8 is further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Tojima et al in view of Mitsuru et al for the reasons of record.

In response to the arguments presented in the Amendment filed on July 1, 2003, the Examiner states that the arguments are not commensurate in scope with the claims which do not exclude the presence of halogens on the phosphate compounds.

Claims 5, 8 and 18 are canceled herein thereby rendering the rejections moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone

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interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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